

THE PIGEON MAILS OF INDIA (1931-2018)

Introduction :

In India, the practice of carrying messages by pigeons is very ancient. Pigeons were preferred as message carriers to other birds because of their superior instinct, intellect and other qualities. **The pigeons are trained on three courses- static, mobile and boomerang.** The static category forms a batch in which pigeons are moved with the forces leaving headquarters for remote areas and are released in the sky whenever the need arises for communicating with headquarters. In the mobile category, the police take the trailer alongwith pigeons to the places of operation. In the third- Boomerang category, the pigeons are trained to deliver and return with the message within their flying area, usually restricted to 50 miles both ways. The training of the pigeons typically starts from the time they are 5 to 6 weeks old. The racing homing pigeon's life span covers 15 to 20 years with an active life ranging from 7 to 10 years. Such a bird of proper health, can fly upto 1000 km. at a stretch at a height of about 150-200 ft. and can travel at speed of upto 50-60 km/hr. In modern times, **Blue-Rock pigeons** (which has different breeds) **used for carrying messages, is called 'Homing Antwerps' or 'Homers'.**

-Pigeons selected for the training are placed in a basket and carried & released at some distance from home. The distance is gradually increase in the direction of the destination. This should be performed at an interval of a few days between the tosses. -The messages to be communicated is written on a small thin paper slip and fixed on the leg of a trained pigeon in a capsule. When the pigeon alighted in destination the missives were collected and placed in special covers, bearing cachet. After covers were stamped, they were posted in ordinary way.

In India, **Stephen Smith was actively involved in the preparation of pigeon mail** but his association with pigeon mail was limited to what interested collectors. **First pigeon post was organized with messages carried by pigeons from Asansol to Calcutta on 18th February 1931.** In India, the **official pigeon post service was established by the Orissa Police in 1946** to provide communication in remote areas during natural calamities, riotous situations, in times of emergencies or any other reasons. **The pigeon mail service in India was officially closed in March 2008.** **This marked the world's last operational pigeon post system,** which was run by Orissa police. Although the official service has ended, a small number of trained homing pigeons are still maintained for ceremonial purposes at the police training college in **Angul** and the police headquarters in **Cuttack.**

The Purpose and Scope :

The purpose and scope of this exhibit is **to study and illustrates the pigeon mails of India, from 1931 to 2018. i.e. from first pigeon mail to last pigeon mail.** An efforts are being made **to preserve their history,** and they continue to inspire awe and wonder. Despite being largely forgotten, **pigeongrams remain an important part of India's postal and cultural heritage.**

Treatment and Presentation :

In this exhibit-

-An attempt **to study and display all the pigeon mails of India till today** (except only 2, the no.4 & no.24), **between 1931 and 2018.** The pigeon mails only those which are connected with Indian Philately are displayed herewith.

-**For each pigeon mail information is given** on the Purpose of flight, Date of flight, From-To place & destination, No. of messages carried by No. of pigeons, details of inscriptions, cachets, cancellations, postmarks etc.

-Comparatively to other flown items **pigeongram no. 1 to 10 are scarce** and very significant.

-The pigeon mails are **arranged in chronological order.** Important or **rare items are shown with arrow.**

Plan of Exhibit : Pigeon flights were made and pigeongrams are divided into following two periods.

Sr. No.	Period	Page No.	Pigeon Mails No.
1	Pre-Independence (1931-1947)	2 To 5	1 To 7
2	Post-Independence (1948-2018)	6 To 16	8 To 28

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No. 1 - Asansol to Calcutta : 18th Feb 1931



First Indian Pigeongram carried from Asansol to Calcutta, a distance of 132 miles, by the Calcutta Homing Pigeon Club's (C.H.P.C.) homing pigeons on 18th Feb 1931, in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the world's first airmail. A total of 42 homing pigeons (21 military & 21 belonging to the civilians) each with a distinctive name, carried 2 to 7 missives each. The missive when collected were then placed in special cover bearing a special cachet 'First Indian Pigeongram' and also the name of the pigeon which carried the particular missive. Pigeongram cover franked with 1A stamp, cancelled at Park Street, P.O., Calcutta, and missive carried by homing pigeon named 'WILD FIRE'. Each cover later sold for Rs. 2 and proceeds were donated to the Red Cross. Mr. Stephen Smith on the reverse.

No. 2 - Hazaribagh to Calcutta : 31st Dec 1931



On 31st Dec 1931, the Calcutta Homing Pigeon Club organized pigeon flight from Hazaribagh to Calcutta, a distance of 215 miles, carrying a special message from His Excellency, the Viceroy of India which read, 'Honesty is the best policy'. A total of 70 pigeons carried 311 missives were released at 7-08 am and the first reached its destination at 11-51 am. i.e. in 4 hrs 43 minutes. The missive when collected were then placed in special cover bearing a cachet and a special red colour postmark and also the name of the pigeon which carried the particular missive. Pigeongram cover franked with 1/2A stamp, cancelled at Park Street, P.O., Calcutta, and missive carried by homing pigeon named 'ROUND TABLE'. The cover and missive were signed by Mr. Stephen Smith on the reverse.

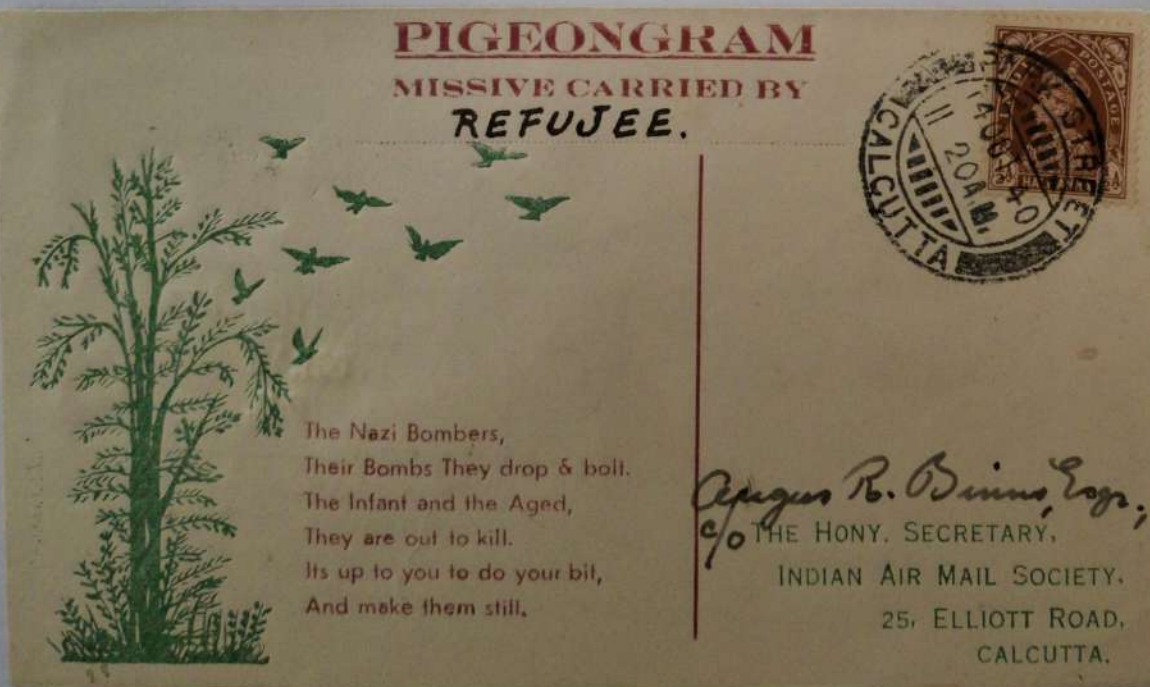
No. 3 - Chandernagore to Calcutta : 19th Jan 1933



Pigeongram
 A MESSAGE
 from
 HIS EXCELLENCY
 THE VICEROY.
 D. O. 324-C.
 Viceroy's Camp,
 India,
 13th January, 1933.
 "I wish the Indian
 Air Mail Society all
 prosperity in 1933.
 Wellington."
 This missive was carried
 from Chandernagore
 (French Settlement)
 to Calcutta
 By Homing Pigeon,
PLONK.
 on the 19th Jan., 1933.

At the instance of Lord Wellington, the Viceroy of India, a pigeon flight was organized by the Calcutta Homing Pigeon Club from Chandernagore (French Settlement) to Calcutta on 19th Jan 1933. This carried goodwill message to the Indian Airmail Society. For the occasion a special cover bearing a label depicting a pigeon and the Union Jack flag over the map of India with suitable inscriptions were pasted over the cover. A total of 26 homing pigeons carried 265 missives. The missive when collected were then placed in special cover bearing a special cachet and also the name of the pigeon which carried the particular missive. Pigeongram cover franked with 1/2A stamp, cancelled at Park Street, P.O., Calcutta, and missive carried by homing pigeon named 'PLONK'. The cover and missive were signed by Mr. Stephen Smith on the reverse.

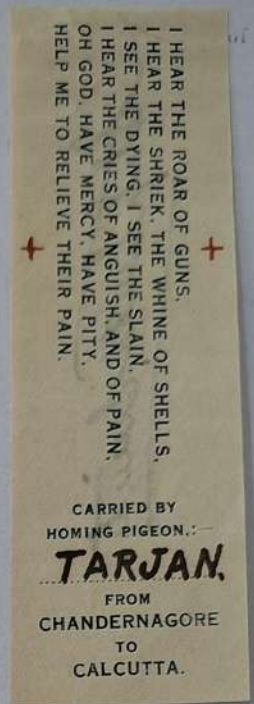
No. 5 - Burdwan to Calcutta : 14th Oct 1940



A TINY MESSAGE
 FOR KING AND
 COUNTRY,
 CARRIED BY
 A FEATHERED
 MESSENGER.
 What have you done?
 We are doing our bit.
**GIVE YOUR
 MITE**
**For the cause
 of the right**
 Carried By
 Homing Pigeon
REFUJEE.
 FROM
 BURDWAN
 TO
 CALCUTTA.

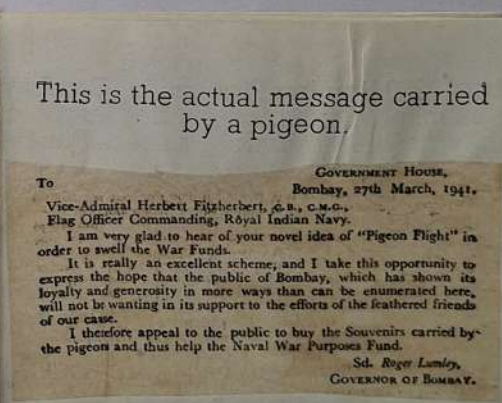
In order to raise funds during the second world war, a novel method was adopted. Pigeongrams were released from Burdwan to Calcutta on 14th Oct 1940, carrying 215 missives through 33 pigeons. This message for king and country carried by the homing pigeon were placed in special cover was prepared for the occasion showing flying pigeons and tree with the inscriptions. The missive when collected were then placed in special cover and also the name of the pigeon which carried the particular missive. Pigeongram cover franked with 1/2A stamp, cancelled at Park Street, P.O., Calcutta, and missive carried by homing pigeon named 'REFUJEE'. The cover and missive were signed by Mr. Stephen Smith on the reverse.

No. 6 - Chandernagore to Calcutta : 18th Oct 1940



On 18th Oct 1940, pigeon flight was organized for raising funds for the Red Cross, from Chandernagore to Calcutta, at a distance of 20 miles. The message was enclosed in a special cover bearing an emblem of the Red Cross and other inscriptions, along with an appeal. There were 314 missives carried by 50 pigeons in all. Each cover later sold for Rs. 2 and proceeds were donated to the Red Cross. The missive when collected were then placed in special cover and also the name of the pigeon which carried the particular missive. Pigeongram cover franked with 1/2A stamp, cancelled at Park Street, P.O., Calcutta, and missive carried by homing pigeon named 'TARZAN'. The cover and missive were signed by Mr. Stephen Smith on the reverse.

No. 7 - Kalyan to Bombay : 6th Apr 1941



This is the first pigeon flight performed by about 250 homing pigeons in Bombay Presidency, for helped in collecting war purposes fund. They were flown from Kalyan to Bombay, a distance of 30 miles, on 6th Apr 1941. Each homing pigeon carried 8 slip of messages from H.E. Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay to Vice-Admiral Herbert Fitzherbert, Flag Officer Commanding, The Royal Indian Navy. The message when collected was enclosed in a special envelope bearing the emblem of a pigeon with the inscriptions. This flight is organized and carried out by the Royal Indian Navy and the amount realized from the sales of these 2000 flown messages enclosed in an envelope will be donated to 'The Royal Indian Navy War Purposes Fund'. Each envelope for sale to the public is priced at Rs. 2 each. Pigeongram cover franked with 1A 3Ps stamp with 'SERVICE' overprint and cancelled at Kalyan, by a special postmark in Red/Magenta, and missive carried by homing pigeon.

No. 8 - Birla Industrial & Technological Museum
B.I.T.M. to Surendra Banerjee Road, Calcutta : 16th Mar 1963



On the occasion of inauguration of the gallery on 'Communication' at B.I.T.M., Calcutta on 16th Mar 1963. Prof. Humayun Kabir, Union Minister for Scientific Research & Cultural Affairs, resurrected for the day the ancient system of pigeon post by releasing 15 pigeons carried only 1 missive each, to a destination within Calcutta. The pigeongram's bearing the signature of Shri. Humayun Kabir were recovered, franked with a 'SERVICE' stamp of 25 N.P. and cancelled by the Temporary Post Office (C-1181), installed at the museum premises. All the 15 missives bore the inscriptions, were despatched by 'Express Delivery' addressed either Postmaster General, Calcutta or the Officer-In-charge, B.I.T.M. on 16th Mar 1963. Two of pigeongrams were retained at the museum for permanent display in the gallery of communication and the 13 others were put to public auction in aid of the National Defence Fund.

No. 9 - AEROPEX-74, Calcutta
Raj Bhawan to Amherst Street Post Office : 6th Dec 1974



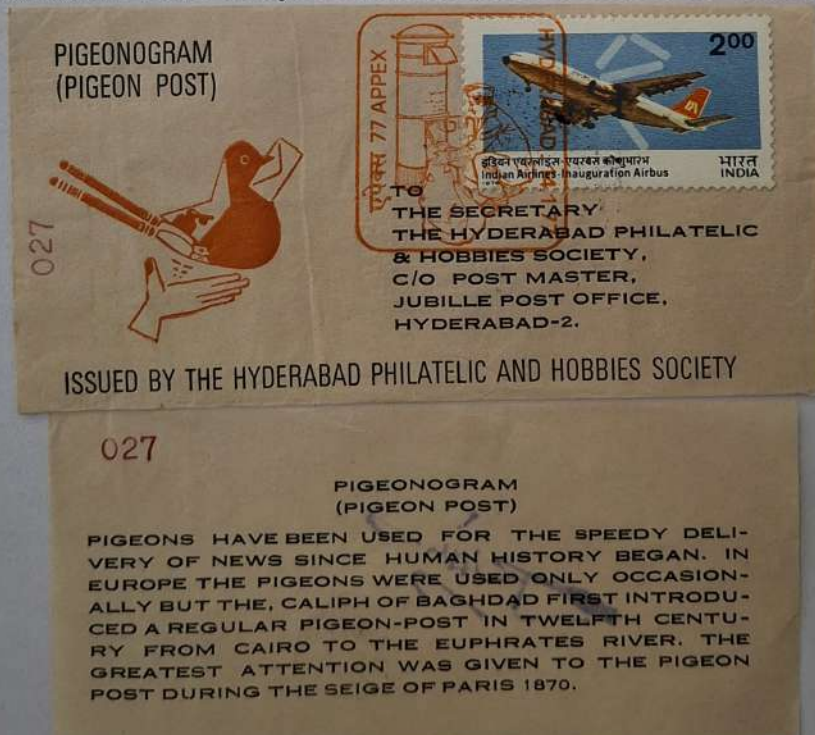
To mark the Inauguration of the AEROPEX-74, Aerophilatelic Exhibition, organized by the Airmail Society of India in Calcutta on 6th December 1974, 125 missives with messages of the Governor of West Bengal, 19 homing pigeons were released from Raj Bhawan (Governors House) Calcutta, by Shri. A.L.Dias, Governor of West Bengal. It took only 4 minutes for the pigeons of Calcutta Racing Pigeon Club to fly to the destination in Amherst Street, Calcutta, a distance of 5 km. Later one of the five messages, signed by the Governor himself was put up for Auction at the Calcutta Information Centre for the Governor's 'All Purpose Benevolent Funds' Missives bearing a 25P stamp were postmarked at Governor's Camp, West Bengal and later delivery marking applied at Amherst Street P.O., Calcutta, and missive were signed on reverse.

No. 10 - APPEX-75, Hyderabad
Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office : 11th Jan 1975



On the occasion of APPEX-75, a philatelic exhibition at Hyderabad, Pigeon Post organized from APPEX-75 Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office on the 11th Jan 1975. A total of 100 missives were carried by homing pigeons. Pigeon Post cover franked with 25P Stamp, with special APPEX-75 pictorial cancellation. The missive signed by Distinguished Philatelists on reverse.

No. 11 - APPEX-77, Hyderabad
Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office : 14th Jan 1977



The Hyderabad Philatelic and Hobbies Society organized pigeon post on the occasion APPEX-77, a philatelic exhibition at Hyderabad. Pigeonogram carried by homing pigeon, from Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office on 14th Jan 1977. A total of 100 small pigeonograms were issued. Pigeonogram cover franked with 2 Rs. Stamp, and with special APPEX-77 pictorial cancellation showing the postman taking letters out of the letter box, and later delivery marking applied at Hyderabad Jubilee P.O., and shown pigeon with mail at left, with inside missive handstamped signed on reverse.

No. 12 - HOPE (Lions Club), Calcutta
I.T.F. Pavillion to Amherst Street, Post Office : 14th Feb 1981



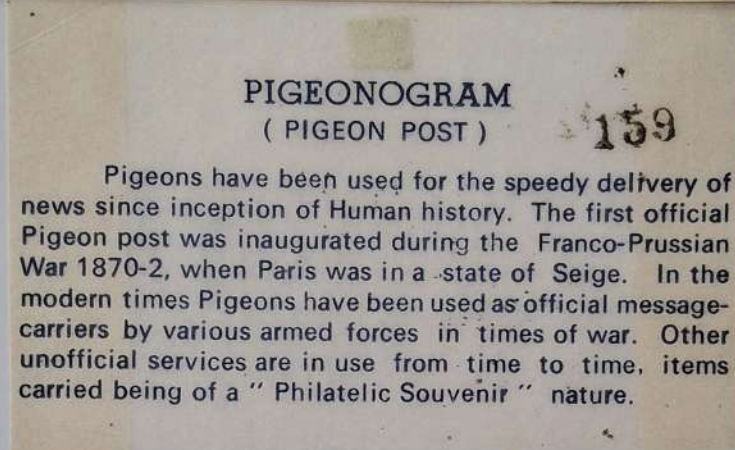
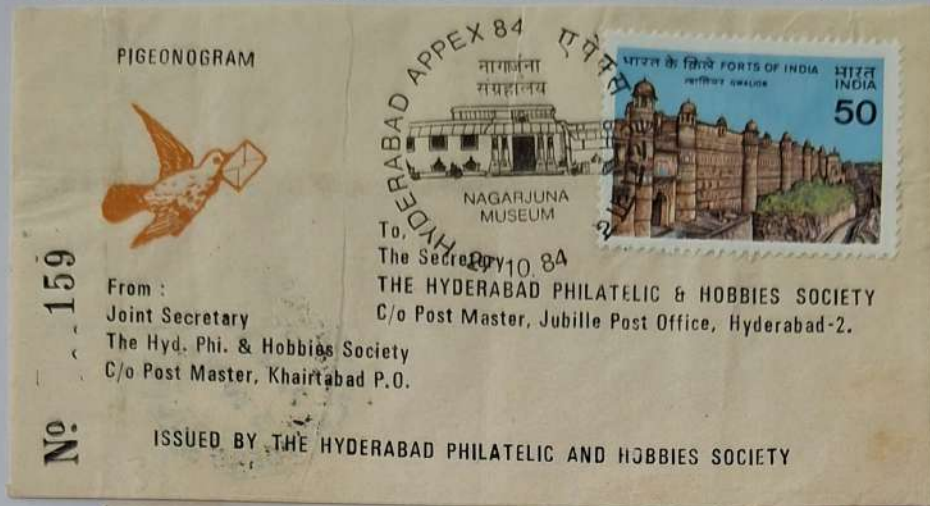
Pigeongram carried by homing pigeons of Calcutta Racing Pigeon Club, from I.T.F. Pavillion to Amherst Street, Post Office, Calcutta on 14th Feb 1981, to commemorate Silver Jubilee Celebration of Lions Club, International District 322 B, Calcutta. A total of 250 missives carried by homing pigeons. Pigeongram franked with 35P stamp, were postmarked at Calcutta G.P.O., and later delivery marking applied at Amherst Street P.O., Calcutta. Pigeongram signed by Mr. M. C. Sukhani, Chairman (Phil.) Lions Club, District 322B, Calcutta on the reverse.

No. 13 - LEOPEX-81, Calcutta
Great Eastern Hotel to Sarat Bose Road : 6th Apr 1981



Pigeongram carried by homing pigeons of Calcutta Racing Pigeon Club, from Great Eastern Hotel to Sarat Bose Road, Calcutta on the 6th Apr 1981, to commemorate LEOPEX-81 at Calcutta. A total of 250 missives carried by homing pigeons. Pigeongram franked with 35P stamp, were postmarked at Great Eastern Hotel, Calcutta, and later delivery marking applied. Pigeongram were signed by Distinguished Philatelists.

No. 14 - APPEX-84, Hyderabad
Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office : 27th Oct 1984



The Hyderabad Philatelic and Hobbies Society organized pigeon post on the occasion APPEX-84, a philatelic exhibition at Hyderabad. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon, from Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office on the 27th Oct 1984. A total of **500** small pigeongrams were issued. Pigeongram cover franked with 50p Stamp, and with special APPEX-84 pictorial cancellation showing the Nagarjuna Museum, and shown flying pigeon with mail at left, and later delivery marking applied at Hyderabad Jubilee P.O., with inside missive.

No. 15 - Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society
Silver Jubilee Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee P.O. : 27th Feb 1987




The Hyderabad Philatelic and Hobbies Society on the occasion of Silver Jubilee, issued pigeongram on the 27th Feb 1987. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon, from Silver Jubilee Exhibition Venue to Hyderabad Jubilee Post Office. A total of **500** small pigeongrams were issued. Pigeongram cover franked with 60p Stamp, and with special cancellation, and shown flying pigeon with mail at left, and later delivery marking applied at Hyderabad Jubilee P.O., with inside missive.

No. 16 - ORPEX-89, Cuttack
Cuttack G.P.O. to Barabati Stadium & Revert : 3rd Nov 1989 (2)



Sl. No. **1**

ORPEX-89

CUTTACK

PLACE.....**Cuttack G.P.O.**.....
 DATE.....**03.11.89**.....
 TIME OF DESPATCH.....**11:35 hrs**.....

We serve the entire nation across all boundaries.

SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE: *[Signature]*
 DATE.....**3/11/89**.....
 TIME OF RECEIPT.....**11:45**.....

[Signature]
 SIGNATURE OF SENDER

HOMING PIGEON

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 कन्नड़ डाक सेवा PIGEON POST
 भारत INDIA

कन्नड़ डाक सेवा 3-11-89 PIGEON POST
 कटक बारबाती स्टेडियम-753005
 BARABATI STADIUM, CUTTACK

On the occasion of ORPEX-89, a philatelic exhibition at Cuttack, Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon from Cuttack G.P.O. to Barabati Stadium and from Barabati Stadium to Cuttack G.P.O. on 3rd Nov 1989. Very few missives were carried by the homing pigeons. Missive franked with 1 Rs Pigeon Post Stamp, and with special ORPEX-89 pictorial cancellation showing the flying pigeon. Missive with signature of sender and addressee on the reverse.

ORPEX-89, Cuttack (2)
Barabati Stadium to Cuttack G.P.O. & Revert : 5th Nov 1989 (2)

Sl. No. **190**

ORPEX-89

CUTTACK

PLACE.....**Barabati Stadium**.....
 DATE.....**5.11.89**.....
 TIME OF DESPATCH.....**12:25**.....

Orissa Telecom mission better communication is based on HI-TECH and modernisation.

SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE: *[Signature]*
 DATE.....**5.11.89**.....
 TIME OF RECEIPT.....**12:30**.....

[Signature]
 SIGNATURE OF SENDER

HOMING PIGEON

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 कन्नड़ डाक सेवा PIGEON POST
 भारत INDIA

कन्नड़ डाक सेवा 5-11-89
 कटक बारबाती स्टेडियम-753001
 BARABATI STADIUM, CUTTACK

On the occasion of ORPEX-89, a philatelic exhibition at Cuttack, Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon from Barabati Stadium to Cuttack G.P.O. and from Cuttack G.P.O. to Barabati Stadium on 5th Nov 1989. Very few missives were carried by the homing pigeons. Missive franked with 1 Rs Pigeon Post Stamp, and with special ORPEX-89 pictorial cancellation showing the Konark Sun Temple's Chariot wheel. Missive with signature of sender and addressee on the reverse.

No. 17 - INPEX-93, Calcutta
Ship to Shore M.V. Sarvojaya to Tengra Post Office : 27th Dec 1993



On the occasion of INPEX-93, a national philatelic exhibition at Calcutta, Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon from (Ship to Shore) M.V. Sarvojaya to Tengra P.O. on the 27th Dec 1993. A total of 100 missives flown by homing pigeon and signed by P.M.G., Calcutta Region on reverse. Missive franked with 1 Rs Stamp, and with special INPEX-93 pictorial cancellation showing the flying pigeon & sun and later delivery marking applied on front.

No. 18 - JALPEX-94, Varanasi
Head Post Office to City Post Office : 9th Apr 1994



On the occasion of JALPEX-94, a philatelic exhibition at Varanasi, Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon, from Head Post Office, Varanasi to City Post Office, Varanasi on the 9th Apr 1994. A total of 200 missive carried by homing pigeons and signed by Mr. M.A. AHMAD, Sr. Postmaster, Varanasi on reverse. Pigeongram cover franked with 1 Rs Stamp, and with special JALPEX-94 pictorial cancellation showing the Malviya Bridge, and shown flying pigeon at left, and later delivery marking at Varanasi City P.O., and with inside missive.

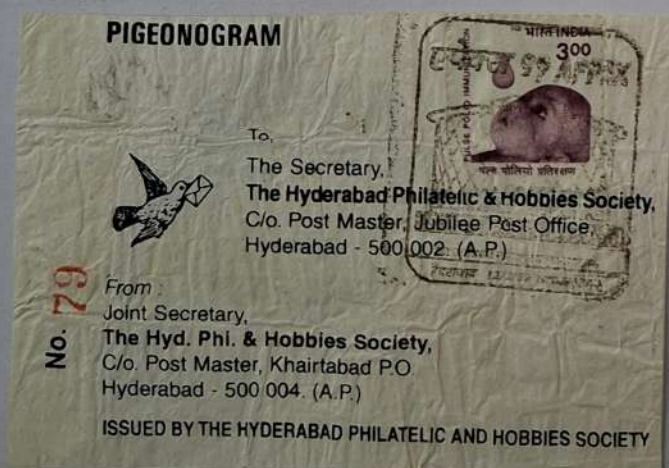
**No. 19 - Orissa Philatelic Association, Cuttack
Cuttack to Bhubaneshwar : 17th Aug 1997**



Pigeon Post organized by The Universe Maitree Sarani, Cuttack and The Orissa Philatelic Association, Cuttack to **Salutes Freedom Fighters of Orissa**. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeons from **Cuttack to Bhubaneshwar on 17th Aug 1997**. Very few missives were carried by the homing pigeons. Missive franked with 2 Rs Stamp, and with special pictorial cancellation, and shown flying pigeon and signature of sender and addressee on the reverse.

No. 20 - APPEX-99, Hyderabad

Institute of Engineers Bldg (Khairatabad P.O.) to Charminar (Hyderabad Jubilee P.O.) : 12th Feb 1999



Pigeonogram flown on 12th February, 1999, inaugural day of APPEX '99, from Institute of Engineers building (Khairatabad P. O.) to Charminar (Jubilee H. P. O.), covering an air distance of about 8 km.

The Hyderabad Philatelic and Hobbies Society organized pigeon post on the occasion APPEX-99, a philatelic exhibition at Hyderabad. Pigeongram flown on Inaugural Day of APPEX-99, from Institute of Engineers Building (Khairatabad P.O.) to Charminar (Hyderabad Jubilee P.O.) on the 12th Feb 1999. A total of ~~500~~ small pigeongrams were issued. Distance flown was 8 km. Pigeongram cover franked with 3 Rs Stamp, and with special APPEX-99 pictorial cancellation, and shown flying pigeon with mail at left, and with inside missive.

No. 21 - Millennium Exhibition on Numismatics & Antique By Connoisseurs, Calcutta
Exhibition Venue to Tangra Post Office : 10th Jan 2000



The Connoisseurs, organized pigeon post on the occasion Millennium Exhibition on Numismatics & Antique at Calcutta. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeons, from Exhibition Venue to Tangra Post Office on the 10th Jan 2000. Very few pigeongrams were carried by homing pigeons. Pigeongram franked with 2 Rs Stamp, were postmarked at SEOH Bhawan, P.O., and later delivery marking applied and shown cachet of Biswa Bandhu Sammelan & flying pigeon with mail at left, with inscriptions. Missive with signature of Distinguished Philatelists on the reverse.

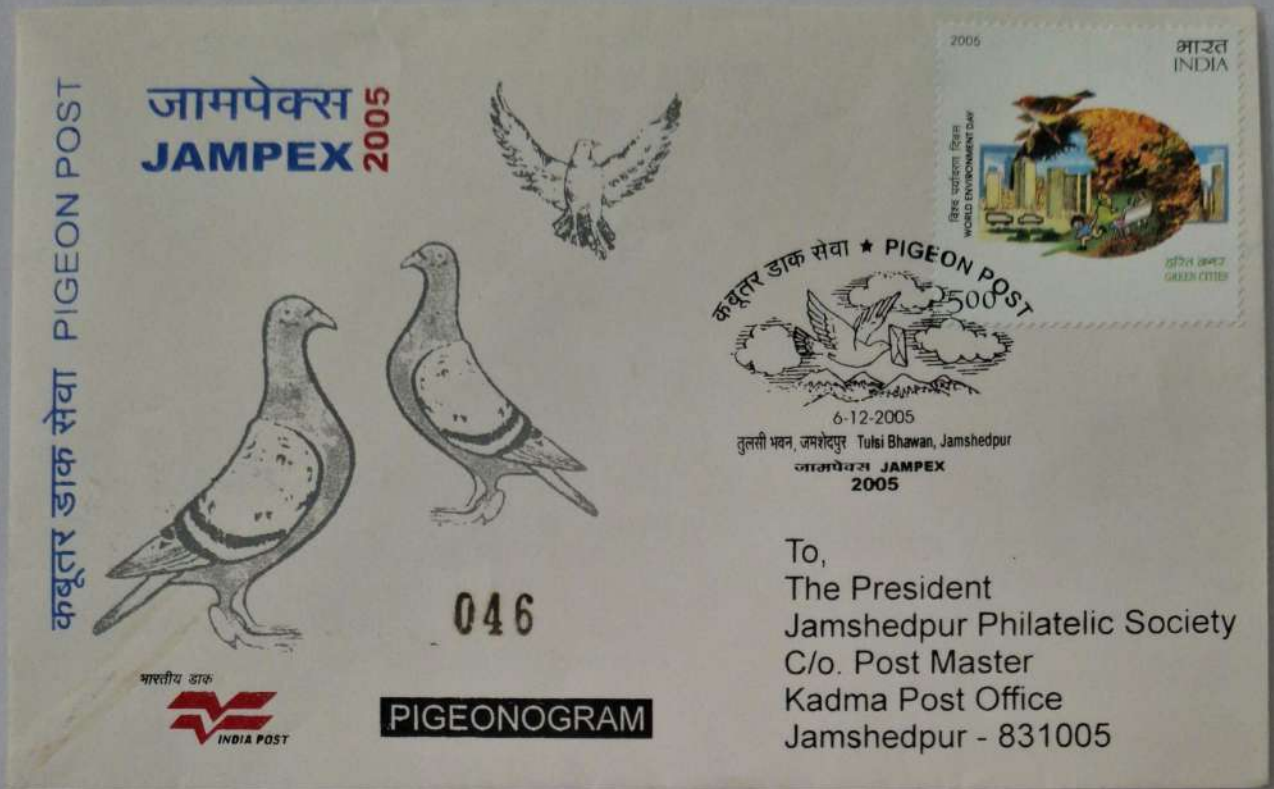
No. 22 - INPEX-2002, Bhubaneshwar
OUAT Conference Hall to Cuttack : 2nd Mar 2003



Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon of Orissa Police Pigeon Post from OUAT Conference Hall to Cuttack on the 2nd Mar 2003, to commemorate INPEX-2002, 10th National Philatelic Exhibition, at Bhubaneshwar. A total of 250 missives were carried & signed. Pigeongram franked with special INPEX-2002 pictorial cancellation, and showing flying pigeons with the inscriptions. Missive with signature of Distinguished Philatelist on the front.

No. 23 - JAMPEX-2005, Jamshedpur

Jamshedpur Philatelic Society Association, From Tulsi Bhawan to Kadma Post Office : 6th Dec 2005



To,
The President
Jamshedpur Philatelic Society
C/o. Post Master
Kadma Post Office
Jamshedpur - 831005

DISPATCHED BY PIGEON

Message

"AIDS Awareness for all Citizens"

HIV is a virus, AIDS is the final stage of the HIV infection. This virus, over the years destroys the defence mechanism of the body to fight against infection. There is no vaccine or medication till today which can kill the virus. Anti Retro-viral drugs can only prolong life.

How does this Virus spread

- HIV is also a sexually transmitted infection. It spreads through unsafe and indiscriminate sex with an infected person
- HIV + ve blood & blood products.
- Contaminated needles and syringes, especially through use of sharing needles by the drug addicts.
- HIV positive mother to child.

Chief Post Master General
Jharkhand Circle, Ranchi

Pigeonogram flown on 6th December 2005 on Inaugural day of JAMPEX - 2005 This Pigeon flight was made by using 30 Homing pigeons to carry 100 covers, from Tulsi Bhawan to Kadma Post Office.

NAME OF PIGEON

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Pigeonogram (A Message of AIDS Awareness for all Citizens) flown on Inaugural day of JAMPEX-2005, a philatelic exhibition at Jamshedpur. The pigeon flight was made by using 30 Homing pigeons to carry 100 messages, from Tulsi Bhawan to Kadma Post Office on 6th Dec 2005. Pigeon Post cover franked with 5 Rs stamp, with special JAMPEX-2005 pictorial cancellation, and showing pigeons at left, and with inside missive.

No. 25 - COINEX PUNE-2012, ICSRI, Pune
Exhibition Venue to Deccan Gymkhana Post Office : 12th Dec 2012

SPECIAL COVER विशेष आवरण

कबूतर डाक सेवा
PIGEONOGRAM



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कॉइनपेक्स - पुणे - २०१२
COINPEX - PUNE - 2012

कबूतर डाक PIGEONOGRAM
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छंदों का राजा है फिलाटैली.
Philately is a King of Hobbies.
छंदों द्वारा ग्यान.
Knowledge through Hobbies.



To,
The Secretary,
Exhibition Committee
C/o. Post Master
Deccan Gymkhana Post Office,
Pune 411 004.

The International Collectors Society of Rare Items (ICSRI), Pune organized pigeon post on the occasion COINPEX-2012, a exhibition at Pune. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon, from Exhibition Venue to Deccan Gymkhana Post Office On the 12th Dec 2012. A total of 500 pigeongrams were issued. Pigeongram cover franked with 5 Rs Stamp, with special cancellation, shown flying pigeon carrying mail bearing embroidered pigeon at left, and with inside missive.

No. 26 - Koyalanchal Stamp Utsav, Dhanbad : 11th Jan 2017

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कबूतर डाक सेवा PIGEON POST

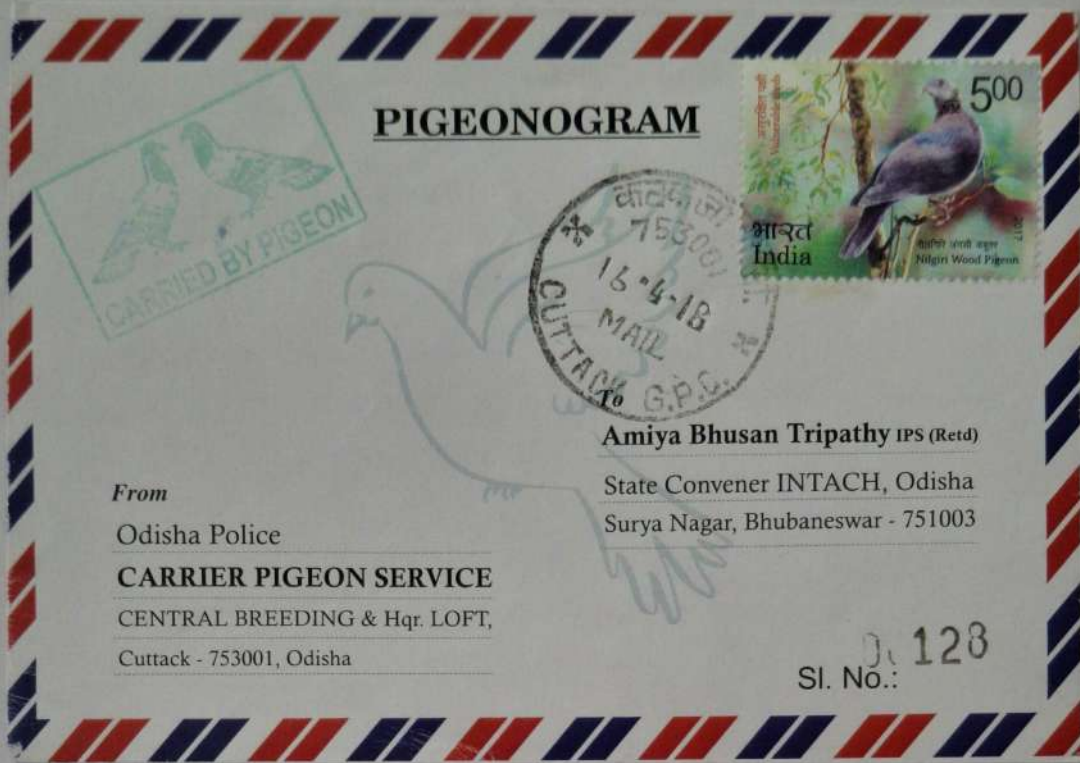
कoyalanchal स्टाम्प उत्सव 2017
Koyalanchal Stamp Utsav 2017



To,
The Chief Postmaster General
Dhanbad H. P. O
Dhanbad-826001

Pigeongram flown on Inaugural day of Koyalanchal Stamp Utsav-2017, a philatelic exhibition at Dhanbad. Pigeongram carried by homing pigeon from Koyalanchal Stamp Utsav Venue, Dhanbad to Dhanbad H.P.O. on the 11th Jan 2017. Pigeongram cover franked with 5 Rs stamp, with special pictorial cancellation, shown pigeons at left, and with inside missive.

No. 27 - Indian National Trust for Arts & Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Odisha
 OUAT Grounds, Bhubaneswar to the Loft of the Odisha Police, Cuttack : 14th Apr 2018



Pigeonogram from Indian National Trust for Arts & Cultural Heritage (INTACH), with a message on Heritage Conservation & Preservation, was carried by a Belgian Homer Pigeon of the Odisha Police Pigeon Service from OUAT Grounds, Bhubaneswar to the Loft of the Odisha Police at Cuttack, a distance of 25 km, on 14th Apr 2018, Maha Bishuba Sankranti, the Odisha New Year Day. A total 500 missives carried & signed. Pigeonogram cover franked with 5 Rs stamp, and with inside missive.

No. 28 - Drushti Daan & L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar
 OUAT Grounds, Bhubaneswar to the Loft of the Odisha Police, Cuttack : 14th Apr 2018



Pigeongram from Drushti Daan & L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar with a message on Eye Donation, was carried by a Belgian Homer Pigeon of the Odisha Police Pigeon Service from OUAT Grounds, Bhubaneswar to the Loft of the Odisha Police at Cuttack, a distance of 25 km, on the 14th Apr 2018, Maha Bishuba Sankranti, the Odia New Year Day. A total 500 missives carried & signed. Pigeongram cover franked with 5 Rs stamp, and with inside missive.